

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak wth other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Holiday Season Has Come. Kind Christmas Greetings to all!

Jesus, The Savior, to Bethlehem Came, And This is Why we Celebrate Christmas !

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Old Year is Hastening on Its Journey to The End.

The Year Has Been a Success For The Church of God.

Time has run on so fast for twelve months that last Christmas seems but yesterday. Where has it gone? Gone into eternity! Never to return again! The past is in the past and cannot be changed. And I would not recall it if I could.

We are now celebrating another Christmas Day in honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a time for reflection. Our minds run back to the Judean hills and the country about Bethlehem. In connection with the special Christmas then, is coupled a stable, where the cows and horses were enclosed for the night.

The journey had been long for Joseph and Mary, and doubtless they were much disappointed when they were informed that there was no room in the house. The only thing left for them was to repair to that lonely stable in the back yard. I fancy I see it now. It was not far from the house, and they saw it back there, and the land-lord gave them permission to lodge there that night.

Probably a little past midnight, the heavenly choir began to sing one of those heavenly anthems that only heaven's inhabitants can sing. The shepherds were the congregation and the starry heavens was the background on the stage. What a drama! Never had been anything like it. All of heaven seemed interested in what was taking place that night. Heaven could not hold its inhabitants. They left the courts of glory and gave the earth a visit that night.

What was the attraction? Why did this heavenly host come to Bethlehem? Why did they not sing over Jerusalem, or Babylon, or the garden of Eden? Here is the answer. "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come forth a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel." (Matt. 2:6.) There was the secret. A Governor, a Ruler had come to Bethlehem. One of the royal line.

And let me drop a few extra words here. A Governor, a Ruler! This shows government. There would be no need of a governor or ruler if there was no government, or nothing to be governed. And when Isaiah sang of the coming One, he said, "A child is born, * * a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder." (Isa. 9:6.) This song was pointing to Christmas, and was also pointing to government over which the coming Son was to rule.

What do people, who do not believe in government, say to this? How can they accept Christ at all and reject His government? His government over which He was to rule was not a world power. He said one time that His kingdom was not of this world. And in order to distinguish it from the world governments He named it "Church". Paul said Jesus was the head of the Church. Isaiah said He was a governor, a ruler. Micah said He was a Governor that shall rule His people. And

something else than what it really is?

Glad Christmas times remind us of all this. How those few faithful wide-awake shepherds were honored that night! It was probably unexpected, and of course they were unprepared for such an announcement, and I guess they did well under the circumstances. But now wonderful for that heavenly host to sing for them and tell of the glory! No wonder Paul tells of the glory in the Church (Eph. 3:21) and Peter of the glory that shall follow and later be fully revealed. (1 Peter 1:11; 5:1)

O, hallelujah! This is glad Christmas day. Let us join with the angels and sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and finish up the old year with gleeful songs and glory in the Church. The old year is hastening on its journey to the end, but it shall not end until glad Christmas has brought its joys and gifts to millions of outstretched hands in honor of the birth of our Lord and King. Of all the years that we ought to do Him honor surely this is the one above all. This is the last one, and we, perhaps more fully realize what His birth means to a lost world and as the great head of the Church, and the year has been a success for the Church of God in a greater measure than any in the past.

I wish I could tell half of the victories that have been won, of the blessings that have been poured out, of the love and glory that have been demonstrated. The great Assembly of a few weeks ago is a monument of growth and advancement. Its influence will surely never die. They said we would be gone years ago, but now they are saying the Church has gone so far that all of hell and earth can't stop it.

But wait a moment! Let the Christmas bells cease their tinkle, let the chimes give way to silence. The old year is slowly and silently dying. Only a few more days and the last breath of life will have been forever gone. Be silent now, and listen! Catch the last words at that midnight hour. Prepare for your watch night service. Who knows but you may pave the way for some wanderer to come home. This is a time for reaction and new resolutions to be formed. Some one may pass by the old church house and be lost if you should not have it open for the regular watch-night service. Give the wanderer a chance by keeping an open door that night, and prepare to give a glad welcome to any stranger that may chance to be passing by. Better prepare special committees to invite the passers by in, to hear the music and singing and sit by your fire for a few hours.

The watch-night services have been great factors for good many times. Backsliders have come home, sinners have been redeemed. As the midnight hour approaches it always brings solemnity that no other night in the year affords. Heaven seems to draw nearer, and God's presence seems dearer. From Christmas to New Year brings such a solemn change. The saints enjoy it, the sinners feel it, and the backsliders fear it. Then let every local church prepare for a watchnight service and pray for and expect real results.

Perhaps your own son will come home that night if you go. My heart was fixed on going, although it meant the for-
do your wandering, sin-stained sake of wife and children, and
do people want to make it

the altar and weep her way through to Calvary. May be some of your neighbors and friends might slip in. Probably some differences may be settled that night, for I'm sure no one wants to carry old grudges, or differences, or malice, or any other wrong thing over into the New Year to mar the beauty of its face at the very beginning. It would be a strange man or woman that would want to put a splotch of sin or wrong on the face of the glad New Year that is to follow the death of the Old. Let everything that would stain or mar the face of that beautiful pure New Year die with the old. Don't carry anything over that is worthless. Leave it at the altar not later than midnight while the clock strikes twelve. For heaven's sake, give a chance for all old decayed matter or wrong in your neighborhood to be left behind, by holding a watch-night service.

Too much good has come from these sacred midnight services for them to be dropped off now. And how do we know after all but what the Lord may be preparing for some angel visits that night besides. Or how do we know that Jesus will not come for us that night? I do not know what good surprise may be in waiting for us. You do not know. No one knows. And some one may decide to subscribe for the Evangel that night if you will mention it and give them a chance. O, the thousands of ways to do good at the watch-night service!

And it will be the very last opportunity for a service in the year 1920. What better way could the time be spent? Where else could you go that your conscience would not smite you? What else could you do that would better help the Church of God finish up her successful year's work? Make your announcements a week ahead so everybody will know it. Tell the people to come to stay till twelve or one o'clock.

For more than fifteen years of delivering Christmas messages (I used to deliver Christmas messages every Christmas before they got to going through the Evangel) I have wondered each time if it might be the last one. I always want to do something special to show my respect and love for the Babe of Bethlehem as I may not have another opportunity. I love that Babe! O, how I love Him. The angel sang at His birth, why not we sing at the remembrance of His birth? The prophets said He would be a governor and ruler, why not we recognize Him as such and do honor to Him as the great ruler and lawgiver of the Church of God?

We have the opportunity now. We must do it! We will do it! I wish I could say some good thing of Him as I look upon that sweet baby face, in my imagination, as He lies there in that Bethlehem Manger. I wish I could sing as the angels sang and announced His birth to the millions of earth that never heard His name. I wish I could send this Christmas message to a million souls that never heard.

As I think of the multitudes that have not been told, my eyes begin to moisten. I think of how I started once to go and tell them about this Babe of Bethlehem and was only kept at home because my brethren sincerely felt that I should take charge of the Evangel and publish it abroad. It seemed more

I'LL TELL YOU

WHAT I WANT

Always a Way to do Things That Have to be Done.

The Special Prayer Day is Set For January 2.

I've often heard it said that plain talk is the best understood. Well, that is what I have decided upon in regard to meeting some of the big bills that are due. We are obliged to have THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS BY THE TENTH OF JANUARY. This bit of news will go along very well, I guess, with the Christmas message. I do not think it will interfere with our Christmas joys since this amount is needed for the purpose it is.

I am sure you all remember that the Assembly in November, 1919 decided to erect a building suitable and large enough to accommodate the great crowds that attend that wonderful convention from year to year. The business was given over to the General Overseer and his assistants to put through to the finish. Doubtless you believe they have done excellent service thus far. The great Auditorium in which the Fifteenth Annual Assembly was held is the result. Although not completed it afforded the best accommodations that the Assembly has ever enjoyed. Every body seemed to be well satisfied.

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Scarcely anything had ever I must tell some poor benighted souls beyond the seas of this sweet Babe of Bethlehem.

I wonder who has gone in my place. Or I wonder who will go in my place if I still remain here.

I'd go yet if I had half a chance.

I'd tell the simple story of Peace

on earth and good will toward men.

I'd tell of His love and government.

I'd do my best to make it known by word and deed, by signs and wonders and divers gifts of the Holy Ghost.

My soul, my soul, is full of the fiery love tonight. I can't go, but I can send by the hand of this white winged messenger.

I have the consolation of knowing my love message is going to about eighty thousand, but how I want it to reach a hundred times more. And now my heart is melting with love for every one of the eighty thousand hearers.

And let me slip one sweet word to each of you here as I close, and in the last message of the year, please get one more subscriber so I can more than double my next congregation. I want to pour out my love upon a million before I go hence. Will you help me to do it? I believe you will! If you can't get a subscriber, send the paper yourself to some friend for a whole year as a Christmas or New Year present.

And this is all. My last message for this year. If I have said nothing that has helped you I have loved you all the time I have been saying these few words. And I feel that sweet warm spirit that seems to be flowing from you to me. O, this is fine, to close out the old year. A consolation that we have done our best another twelve months, and that much nearer heaven and Jesus whom we love.

been attempted by the Church as a whole until we purchased the building at Harriman. There was a hearty response to every call in the payment of that debt, although very few people seemed to be satisfied with the location. We did not use that house long until it was thought best to dispose of it whether we were ever able to secure another place or not. The sale was made and the balance of the debt paid, and the rest of the money was laid up for future needs, and later was put into the present Auditorium.

The next great drive was the Evangel Building. This was the first real successful drive we ever had. Our people were so delighted and enthused with this drive that there was great rejoicing when it was made known that we had gone over the top. More than six thousand dollars in only a few months, and so few dollars given by each one that no one could miss what they had given. But although there were no big sums given by any one person the debt was lifted and the Evangel Building was freed from encumbrance.

When this was done it put a confidence in the whole membership that never had been there before. It proved we could stick together in a drive and pull and work together in such a manner that we could accomplish what we undertake. That Evangel Building drive has been worth more to the Church as a whole than its value in dollars and cents. It proved to be a stimulant that has never lost its force. This was a strong incentive to start the Auditorium project. If we had not had that experience I doubt if we would have been so enthusiastic about building the Auditorium but after we raised six thousand so easy we concluded we could raise five times as much about as easy. And we are a long way up the hill in it already and nobody feels it yet, only they feel good because we have the building so near done.

Now, beloved, I suggest that we do not go into this drive too easily. Let us be enthusiastic about it. Let the pastors enthuse the members and let the members enthuse the preachers and each one enthuse the other until we get into a blaze of enthusiasm about this drive. Remember this belongs to all of us. It is no more mine than yours, yet a few of us are carrying the responsibility. I have been carrying thousands of dollars alone, yet I am not alone for you are all with me in a sense.

It is not enough to raise this special three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars. Let us raise more, so we can stop a lot of interest on loans. Just as well raise more as to get this special amount. This we MUST have and MORE we OUGHT to have. We can do this at one drive. We had just as well make it FIVE THOUSAND! Let us make it even FIVE THOUSAND! This can be done and no body pay enough to feel it or even miss it. And this can be done immediately after holidays! Almost every one can give five dollars after the SPECIAL

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recting it if you notify us.

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us reports of interest from the battle-
field. If nothing else a postal card
telling where you are this week.

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Push the Sunday-school work fo-
r the new year. Commence the year
with enthusiasm and prepare for big
things.

We want to make a drive to en-
roll every member of the Church in
the Sunday school or know the rea-
son this cannot be done.

We can furnish you with song
books. Church of God songs 30c each
and \$3.00 per dozen. Jehovah's Praise
and His Voice In Song 40c each and
\$4.00 per doz.

We are still getting reports from
the churches about their organiza-
tion into classes. They are delighted with
it when they get it in working order
and see the effects of the good
organization. Let the good work go
on.

Foreign Mission day is on Sunday,
Jan. 9, next time. We should com-
mence the new year with renewed in-
terest in Foreign Missions. It will
be good for the ministers to preach
Foreign Missionary sermons on that
day and give a chance for an extra
large collection.

M. S. and Efford Haynes report a
good meeting at Dixon Springs, Tenn.,
that has been in progress at that
place since the Assembly. This is a
new field, but some received the Holy
Ghost and are left to share in
their own community.

Brother Tuttle of this place is
eighty-five years old and he is still
full of life and energy, but he de-
sires the prayers of the saints that
he may be every whit whole. He is
looking for Jesus to come yet before
he goes hence. Pray for him

The Home Class Department is ex-
pected to reach the mothers and
cripples and any others that can't
possibly get out to the church house.
Every local church should have a
Home Class Department. If you don't
understand this send for printed in-
structions.

Quite a number who have ordered
Sunday-school literature have failed
to notice the advance in the price.
They need not be surprised to see a
statement of a small amount due
accompany the shipment. We were
very sorry to make this raise, but
we felt compelled to do it.

Send for price list of Bibles and
Bible cases if you want to buy. The
Ladies' hand Bags are \$2.75 each.
Pilgrim's progress and the story of
the Bible, each \$2.50 post paid.
These are fine books and should be
in every home in the land.

The new order for the financial
system is to take effect the first day
of January. I suppose every church
has been notified of the change. It is
expected that the ministers carefully
explain the system to the people
where they have charge so all will
have a good understanding of the
system. The only change of much
importance is that the treasurer is
to send the whole amount to head-
quarters the last day of each month.

instead of the tithe of the tithes only.
Then the distribution to the ministers
is to be made from headquarters in-
stead of from the local church. The
tithe is to be paid into the treasury
of the local church the same as has
been practiced for years.

Remember the watch-night ser-
vices. In these services you should
always pray that greater things may
be done the coming year. Pray the old
year out and the new one in.
The Lord has blessed so wonderfully
at these services I feel like wishing
their continuance. We will never get
too much of the Holy Ghost fire in
our meetings and general religio-
work.

REQUESTS

Mrs. Allie Willard, East Chatta-
nooga, Tenn., requests the
saints to pray for her health.
Pray for her husband to re-
ceive the Holy Ghost and that
they will stay true and raise
their children up for the Lord.

Addie Hendrix, Willsburg,
Ky., requests special prayer
that she may receive one of
the gifts and that her unsaved
ones may come to Christ be-
fore it is too late. Also pray
for the band of saints at
Willsburg, Ky.

Sister Tilly, Philadelphia, Tenn.,
requests the saints to pray
that her mother will be healed
and receive the Holy Ghost.
Also requests prayer
for her family.

J. A. Brown, Bay Minette, Ala.,
requests the saints to fast
and pray for his foot
that is paralyzed. Has
been using crutches but
able to walk as the Lord is
healing him. Pray that he will
be completely healed.

Mrs. Annie Pass requests prayer
that she will receive the
Holy Ghost. Also pray that
her husband and children will
be saved.

Tressie Curl, Champaign, Ill.,
requests prayer that her un-
saved boys might be brought
to Jesus, and that a church
of God will be established
at that place.

T. C. Lunsford, Apison, Tenn.,
requests prayer for the work
at that place, and that she
will grow stronger for the
Lord.

A lady from Cairo, Ga., re-
quests prayer that she will be
saved, sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Johnson Atterton, Mon-
tgomery, Tenn., requests prayer
that she may be healed.

Mrs. W. S. Richardson, Gre-
ensboro, Ala., desires prayer for
her husband who was gassed
during his service in the army.
Pray that his eyes will be
healed.

Nellie E. Walker, Dunn La.,
wants the saints to pray that
Sister Annie Walker who is
seriously ill may be healed.
She wants to go out in the
work for the Lord.

Orpha S. Martin, Leesville, Va.,
requests prayer for her and
her husband and a sister
near by to receive the Holy
Ghost. Also for the little
band of saints there that they
might get a place to worship
in and a preacher to preach
for them. She would be glad
to hear from any of God's
children.

Fred Petersen, Liggett, Wash.,
Can., requests the saints to
pray for his father who is
in bad health, for the Lord to
send salvation in the homes
of Sisters Butt and Mack-
worth. Also for him to grow
stronger for the service of
the Lord.

Delia Clark requests prayer
that her lost children might
receive the Holy Ghost and
be workers for the Lord.

Alva Armstrong, Alicia, Ark.,
requests prayer for her un-
saved husband and children
for her backslidden girl to be
reclaimed and that she will
grow stronger for the service
of the Lord.

Hillary Burgett desires the

saints to pray for her hus-
band to be saved, sanctified
and to receive the Holy Ghost.
Also pray for the church
there.

Carrie Murphey, Augusta, Ga.,
desires prayer for a little
girl's eyes to be healed, and
her mother to be saved and
see the light on the Church of
God.

Daniel L. Miller, Sims Long Is-
land Bahamas, wishes prayer
that his father will be sancti-
fied and filled with the Holy
Ghost. Also for their church
that it might get stronger for
the Lord.

A Very Urgent Request

A soul is at stake to be saved
or lost through all eternity.
I earnestly beg all who know
the worth of prayer to pray for

... of my father, who

is eighty years old and paralyzed
on one side. Would it be
too much to ask the Lord to
heal him, for His honor and
glory, if it takes this to bring about
his salvation? I know nothing is too hard for our God.

He was once a Christian but

was deceived by a preacher who

made a big profession and was a

hypocrite. I have wept and

prayed for him for years though

his heart seemed closed to the

gospel. We gave up our work

on the field to take care of him.

He has watched our lives care-

fully. He is getting interested

about prayer. Last night

after prayer he drew me to him

and said, "I feel like the end is

near and I don't know about the

future." I thought then God

was working with his soul.

God may have us here for the

salvation of his soul. "What

shall it profit a man if he gains

the whole world and loses his

own soul?" I lay most of the

night in prayer that he might

have a broken contrite heart

and Godly sorrow for sin and

have faith in Jesus who is able

to deliver him.

Pray that he will be saved,

Mrs. H. L. Trim.
Olney, Ill.

NOTICES

The Church of God at Tarpon
Springs, Fla., would like to
know the whereabouts of Sister
S. B. Russell.

J. C. Tharp Clerk.

I have moved from Danville,
Va. and you may now address
me,

F. W. Gammon
154 Griffin Ave.,
Somerset Ky.

I wish to notify the churches
of Virginia that I will be a-
round to all of them as early
as I can.

J. A. Davis, Overseer,
Pulaski, Va.

I would like to hear from
each clerk of the churches in
the Birmingham district, ... to
the spiritual conditions of the
churches. I will visit each one
as early as I can.

C. B. Reynolds.

Salem, Ala. R. 2, B. 19.

If anybody in the Southern
states have places for workers
or evangelists, or any place for
meetings to be held, please
write me.

T. M. Sensing,
Charlotte, Tenn.

I will be at Bushnell this year.
I am appointed as overseer of
Orlando district and will be
glad to get in touch with each
member of the Churches of God,
in that district.

R. P. Johnson,

Bushnell Fla.

WANTED—A small one
horse crop on shares, some-
where in Florida, with some
good Church of God men or
close to a Church of God.

Any one interested write:

D. C. Fordham.
Heflin, Ala.

From the Battlefield
Brother Joe H. Daniel from
Fonde, Ky., has just closed a
few days meeting at Shipler
Grove, Tenn. He had a hard
fight but the Lord gave victory.
There were three saved, one re-
claimed and eleven wants the
Church of God set in order.

there. He will set the church
in order soon.

A Loyal Worker

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and

All the Dear Saints:

I'm praising God for the Com-
forter and the government and
teachings of the dear Church of
God.

I want to report victory at
this place. We've had a three
weeks battle, persecutions were
great and lots of opposition but
with all the unbelief and perse-
cution there was one sanctified,
two filled with the Holy Ghost
and five added to the church.
Sister Flora Gee and Sister
Martin from Tyroza helped in
the meeting. I left them in
charge there and went to
Couch, Mo., to help Brother
Clark in a meeting.

A servant on the battlefield,
E. L. Pinkley,
Couch, Mo.

REPORT

Dear Evangel Family—Greet-
ings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise the Lord this
morning for being saved and on
my way to heaven, sanctified
through the blood and the Holy
Ghost sweetly abides.

We have just closed a fifteen
days meeting at Rock Hill, S. C.
with these results.—Six were
saved from sin, two sanctified
and three holiness preachers re-
claimed and two added to the
CHURCH OF GOD. We feel
sure God is blessing His chil-
dren around Rock Hill. At
times the power of God would
come over the services and
people would be shouting, danc-
ing and talking in other ton-
guages as the Spirit gave utter-
ance.

We were glad to have
with us much of the time,
Brother W. H. Cross, our state
overseer, and he seemed to en-
joy the service very much. Our
meeting closed on Dec. 5, 1920,
with a large attendance and we
hope in the near future to see
a wonderful work there.

We praise God for victory in
our work this year. We have
been on the field for God twenty-
seven weeks at one time,
thirty-two in all this year. We
hope by the grace of God to do
more in the coming year than
we have ever done. May we all
be able to bring in more sheaves
at the Assembly of 1921
which will count for time and
eternity.

Pray that God will con-
tinue his blessings upon this place.

Yours for lost souls,
S. D. Cooper.
Greenville, S. C.

Live Above Sin

Dear Evangel Readers:

I have often heard people
say you cannot live above sin.
It can be very clearly seen that
no sin can enter the gates of
heaven. See Jno. 3:34, 35. Verily,
verily, I say unto you, Who-
soever committeth sin is the
servant of sin. And the servant
abideth not in the house for
ever: but the son abideth ever."

Every one must give account.
Every person has some under-
standing of God and His word.

I want to refer you to Rom. 1:
20, "For the invisible things of
him from the creation of the
world are clearly seen, being
understood by the things that
are made. Even his eternal
power and Godhead; so they
are without excuse."

I am really thanking God for
leading me into the light of His
marvelous church. I thank Him
for saving, sanctifying and bapt

EVERLASTING LIVER

F. J. Lee

The above heading is a familiar phrase among many where a certain doctrine is being preached. The teaching is that men can get to a certain degree in this life that they can defy death and that their mortal shall never die, and if they should happen to die they had previously backsidled therefore, were lost.

I understand they have or claim several thousand adherents and they are especially anxious to bring the light to the Church of God, stating that she lacked that much of being perfected. I have heard that some have espoused the doctrine and are seeking for the "new name" which they say every one that receives this special boon (live forever) must seek for it with earnest prayer and fasting.

The new name that they shall receive is referred to at Rev. 2:17. So many take that Scripture to mean that we are to seek for the new name while here in this life, but I'm sure it applies to the life beyond. The Syriac version says, "To him that is victorious, will I give a white counter; and upon the counter a new name written, which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it." Counter means indicator; against the front or face.

When one gets salvation his very face indicates it. The face is the counter and the Lord said, "He that is victorious, will give a white counter." When? At the last mile of the way, when the last battle is fought and you, one of the victorious conquerors, ride upon a white horse led by the Captain that had a name that no one knew but Himself. You will there receive the new name.

This great Captain that had this new name destroys the antichrist's armies, removes the curse, then gives His chosen king and priests His own mysterious name on their counte—fore part or face—Webster. "They shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." Rev. 22:4.

I understand that they seek for the new name till they realize that a spirit of an apostle or prophet or some departed saint has come to take up his abode in them, yet they will not know the name of their spirit till God shows them in the Bible. So they prayerfully and humbly open the Bible and the first name that their eyes rest upon, they take it as their new name. One is Martha, another Mary, another "good old Peter," who tells the folks if you would hear from Peter He is now here to tell you what you would know. Another claims to have the spirit of Isaiah, Isaiah of old, he says, and expects to live forever in that old body which is now almost ready for the grave.

I'm not doubting that people receive a spirit, but the spirit they receive is positively not the spirit of Peter, Paul, Mary, Martha, or whoever it might be, but I will say this, When men lose sight of the Spirit of God that has taken up His abode in them and begin to seek another spirit, then the Spirit of God is grieved and leaves, and you get another spirit. I shouldn't wonder that many times, if they would own it, the first name before their eyes when they opened the Bible was Beelzebub.

We now come to the thought that we can get to the place that we will never die. I know that by believing on Him we shall have eternal life. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Jesus said at Rev. 1:18, "I am alive forevermore." While we have the everliving Christ in us we are alive forevermore, but as He is living in us spiritually, it is only our spiritual life that is dealt with. Jesus did say unto Martha, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Here is the reading of the Syriac version, "And every one that liveth, and believeth in me, will not die for ever," signifying, though he die he shall be raised, which corresponds with this verse, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

The writer of Hebrews says, his only begotten Son that is appointed unto men once whosoever believeth in Him

to die; but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. But what of those that shall be changed in the moment, in the twinkling of an eye? They shall die, the mortal taken away and made immortal at one stroke. Men must die, they must fill their appointment.

Paul said while on his way to Jerusalem, in answer to those that plead with him not to go, "I am ready to die." Paul says again that "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Rom. 14:7. He recognized the fact, that among us the folks are dying and whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Rom. 14:8. Not only backsiders as some would have us to believe, but that the Lord's people die, is the thought. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" * * that they may rest from their labors." Rev. 14:13. Not tormented as some say. Jesus says they that are counted worthy of the resurrection from the dead shall die no more but are as angels, signifying that there are some folks that die, who will be worthy of a resurrection from the dead. From the dead means to take out from the other dead which will remain a thousand years in the grave, and we see by the Scripture quoted above that those who die in the Lord are blessed. Also hear this, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." Rev. 20:6.

The first resurrection brings people forth from among the other dead. Jesus said those who are worthy of coming from the dead die no more, signifying that worthy folks have died and will die. All the worthy folks in the past ages have died except Enoch and Elijah, and it is appointed unto them to die. Men will die right on, even out in the millennium, but after the millennium the last enemy of mankind will be cast into the lake of fire. Then there will be no more death, no more pain, the Lord will even wipe away all tears. Amen.

Wonderfully Healed

Dear Readers of the Evangel: I have been thinking of writing a testimony for some time, telling of the wonderful things of God and what He has been to me.

I received the Holy Ghost, eight years ago. I have been trusting the Lord for both soul and body. I want all of you to know how He has healed me many times. I had been sick for some time with a cancer in my side. I had suffered intense pains, for three years Satan tried to make me think the Lord couldn't heal and at times I would get so poor. Brother R. P. Johnson had an appointment at Poplar Camp. The Lord told me to go have him pray for me and anoint me and I would be healed of the cancer. I obeyed and the work was done, Praise the Lord. In December I took blood poison in my left hand and arm. For seven weeks I suffered greatly with it, carrying my arm on a pillow. It seemed as I would take lock jaw with it, but we again sent for Brother Johnson. He prayed and anointed my arm in the name of the Lord. Instantly the pains left and I went to church next day. Friends this is true and the Lord will heal all our diseases when we trust Him and keep His commandments.

Pray that I may stay humble and let my life be a blessing in His service.

Mrs. Joe Burnett.

Power in the Blood.

Dear Evangel Readers: I shall speak about the blood of Jesus. Praise the Lord. There is nothing but the blood of the Lamb that can deliver a soul that is bound in sin. It was the blood that flowed from the wounds of Jesus when they nailed Him to the cross that redeemed a lost world back to God. Oh, the price the Father paid! Oh, the sacrifice He made! It was the will of the Father. His great heart beat with compassion and mercy for a lost and dying world. He would not cut them off but said, "I will send My son." For God so loved the world that he gave

to die; but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. But what of those that shall be changed in the moment, in the twinkling of an eye? They shall die, the mortal taken away and made immortal at one stroke. Men must die, they must fill their appointment.

His birth was by immaculate conception by the will of God. It was written, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14. God purposed for His son that body, formed by the Holy Ghost. Glory to His precious name. The lost in sin are redeemed and become living monuments to the glory of God, and sick bodies that doctors have pronounced incurable are healed. For with His stripes we are healed. Glory to God.

By a second work of grace, a second application of the blood. He takes out the root of sin, cleanses from all ungodly deeds and makes you holy without and within. See Heb. 13:12. Oh praise God for the precious sanctifying power in the blood.

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REPORT

To All the Dear Saints:

We have just closed a meeting at Dora, Ala. Brother Lee of Wimauma, Fla., did the preaching.

The power of the Lord was present every service. Jesus came on the scene one night in real person during a very impressive altar call. Some wept through to God.

We will never forget Brother and Sister Lee and will look forward to the time when they can come again.

Z. D. Simpson, Dora, Ala.

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Fonda, Ky., conducted by brother W. A. Capshaw. The Lord was with us in power. There were ten saved, eight sanctified, three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, six received in church and several followed the Lord in water baptism.

The church is growing wonderfully. The church was set in order Dec. 4, 1919, with sixteen members, now we have thirty one in number.

We thank the Lord for the dear church at Fonda and for the loyal saints there.

Joe Davis, clerk.

Enjoying Salvation

Dear Saints:

I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. When I was going down stream without any guide not knowing where I would land, Jesus spoke unto me, saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Praise His dear name! I said, "Yes Lord," and He saved me. I sought for sanctification for almost a week when He wonderfully sanctified me. It was at Brother W. E. Collin's meeting that I was saved. After the meeting one night mother said to me, "Sister, we must have prayer tonight." I said, "Mother, I can't bear the cross all alone, you must help me." "You read a chapter and then we'll pray." Praise the Lord, dear grandmother led the prayer. I began to pray also and God sanctified me. Bless His name. I then began seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was in Brother Benton's meeting that I received the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for keeping me up to this time, saved and under the precious blood.

I do not take the Evangel but mother does. I sure enjoy

reading the messages and reading every paper that comes.

Pray that I may stay humble and do the Lord's will.

Mrs. Willie Flowers.

OBITUARIES

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Joe Mote and claimed for its victim their precious little son, Roma, 5 years of age.

He was sick only a few days when God called him to be with Him.

He leaves a father, mother, one sister and two brothers to mourn his loss.

How sad it is for us to part, From those we love so dear, But we know it's God's will Or He would leave them here.

Mute is the voice that stilled the heart, That we loved so well; And true, oh! bitter was the trial to part, From one we loved so well.

A precious one from us is gone. The voice we loved is stilled: A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled.

His Mother.

Mrs. Jane Mote.

The death angel visited the home of Brother W. J. Tindale, Inverness, Fla., Dec. 6, 1920, and claimed his beloved companion, Sister Maggie M. Tindale. She was fifty-five years old. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and six grown children.

She had a bright experience, had been saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. She left a good testimony to cheer those she leaves. We sorrow not as others which have no hope for she has gone to be with Jesus to dwell forevermore.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

C. M. Padgett, pastor.

Williston, Fla.

Louisa A. Clark, widow of J. M. Clark, was born, Aug. 5, 1852 and died Dec. 5, 1920 aged 68 years.

She has been a faithful mother in Israel and has been faithful in the service of the Master; she has been loyal to the Church.

She leaves seven children: six

boys, namely, Pearl, Clarence,

Herman, Jesse, George and

Charles and one daughter Mrs.

She leaves seven children: six

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WANT

(Continued from page one)

PRAYER on Sunday, January 2, at exactly twelve o'clock. And many can give twenty-five and fifty just as well as not. And much easier than many can give a dollar.

I said in the beginning that I'll tell you what I want I'll do it now in plain words. I want FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS to pay on these big BILLS, and I want it by the TENTH OF JANUARY, 1921. And I WANT IT BAD. Not for selfish ends but you know what I want with it. And I believe you are going to give it to me for that special purpose. I have no way of making any money myself. I am kept right here to do this work. I can't even be pastor of a church so that I might expect something from that source. I am right here where you have placed me, and where you want me. The reason I say this is because it has been plainly demonstrated many times over that you want me here and that the Holy Ghost wants me here. And all this being true I know you are going to be delighted to help me in this drive for five thousand for the big bills on the Auditorium.

I tell you, beloved, there is always a way to do things that have to be done. And these bills have to be met, and they have to be met by the tenth of January. I do not know just how you will have to do to raise your part of this money. I suppose there may be a thousand ways put in practice between now and the tenth of next month, but it will be all right to have the ways just so the amount is reached and we drive over the top.

Some body may think I am saying too much about this but, beloved, if you think I am saying too much about it, and calling too many drives, suppose you take my place and get up this money some other way. I would gladly step back and give you the platform if you can manage this in a way that is better and more successful. I'd like to give you a trial of it. And if this is the best way, just come on. Get permission from the Assembly and the other authorities, and I'll gladly give place and assist you all I can.

So far, I am talking more about getting help to roll this great mountain into the sea, than I am about prayer. But the prayer day is yet to come, and I feel that it will be a great day when it does come. Think of FIFTEEN THOUSAND or more right down on their knees before the Lord begging Him to help us get the FIVE THOUSAND. And every one sending up one prayer, saying, "Please, Father, give us the five thousand, and we will thank thee!" How wonderful, oh, how wonderful! Fifteen thousand good, humble anxious people looking up by faith into the face of our Father and asking for one and the same thing! How can He refuse! And how can we refuse if He suggests to our hearts, TEN dollars, please, or FIVE dollars, please, or even one hundred or more! And He will not require any more of us than we are able for.

Now, beloved, let's do our best! Let's move this mountain into the sea! Let us all work together in this thing. If you have no money then pray the harder for God to move on those who do have it. Remember the day, and tell God just the amount we want, and plead with Him to move upon people to give liberally in this drive. I feel compelled to plead and appeal to you as I am. You don't know what a strain I am in. And it seems impossible for me to make you know it as you need to know it. I hope you will not think I am trying to urge this matter too strong. I acknowledge that I am becoming desperate about the matter. And I don't know any other way to do than the way I am doing. The big bills have to be paid, and I know we can pay them, but we will have to get down to real business about it or we will come up short and the time will pass and the work not done. This is one time we must not sleep on our job, no, not even slumber or doze along. We

must be wide awake and do our best.

One said, We must fight today, or the battle will be lost and we will be captured. And they did fight and gained the victory. We must do it in this drive! And we will! Thank God, we will!

THE STORY OF SUSANNA

(Continued from Nov. 20, 1920)

Mollie Williams

15. And it fell out, as they watched a fit time. She went in as before with two maids only and she was desirous to wash herself in the garden for it was hot.

16. And there was no one there except two elders that had hid themselves and watched her. Then she said to her maids, "Bring me oil and washing balls and shut the garden doors that I may wash me." And they did as she bade them and shut the garden doors and went out themselves privately to bring the things that she had commanded them, but they saw not the elders because they were hid. Today they are lying in wait, with mouths stretched open wide, to deceive every innocent one they can.

When the maids were gone forth, the two elders arose and ran unto her, saying, "Behold the garden doors are shut that no man can see us and we are in love with thee, therefore consent unto us and lie with us. If thou wilt not we will bear witness against thee, that a young man was with thee and, therefore, thou didst send away thy maids from thee."

Then Susanna sighed and said, "I am straightened on every side for if I do this thing it is death unto me. If I do not I can not escape your hands. It is better for me to fall into your hands and not do it than to sin in the sight of the Lord." Praise the Lord for a life free from sin as Susanna's life was. With that Susanna cried with a loud voice and the two elders cried out against her. Then one ran and opened the garden door. When the servants heard the cry in the garden, they rushed in at a private door to see what was done unto her. When the elders declared their matter the servants were greatly ashamed for there never was such a report made of Susanna.

It came to pass the next day when the people were assembled to her husband, Joacim, the two elders came also guilty of mischievous imagination against Susanna to put her to death. They said, "Send for Susanna, the daughter of Chelias, Joacim's wife." She came with her father and mother, her children and all her kindred. Susanna was a very delicate woman and beautiful to behold. These wicked men commanded her to uncover her face, for she was covered, that they might be filled with her beauty. Therefore, her friends and all that saw her wept.

Then the two elders stood in the midst of the people and laid their hands upon her heart. She wept and looked up toward heaven for her heart trusted in the Lord. Trust in the Lord and don't yield to the devil and God will deliver thee. The elders said, "As we walked in the garden alone, this woman came in with two maids, shut the garden doors and sent the maid away. Then a young man who was hid there, came and laid with her. Then we who stood in the corner of the garden seeing this wickedness ran unto them and we saw them together. We could not hold the man for he was stronger than we so he opened the door and leaped out. We took this woman and asked who the young man was but she would not tell us. These things do we testify. Then the Assembly believed them as they were the elders and judges of the people and condemned her to death."

Then Susanna cried out with a loud voice and said, "Oh everlasting God, that knowest the secrets and knowest all things before they be, Thou knowest they have borne false witness against me and, behold, I must die. Whereas, I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me and

the Lord heard her voice. Therefore when she was led to be put to death the Lord raised up the Holy Spirit of a young youth whose name was Daniel who cried with a loud voice, "I am clear from the blood of this woman." Then all the people turned toward him and said, "What meaneth these words that thou hast spoken?" He, standing in the midst of them, said, "Are ye such fools, ye sons of Israel, that without examination or knowledge of the truth ye have condemned a daughter of Israel. Return again to the place of judgment for they have borne false witness against her."

(To be continued.)

TRIALS AND THEIR OBJECT

Jesse Danehower

The great heroes of ages to come, have faced many trials before they attained to the height of their ability. Great men in the eyes of God have stood the many trials poured in on them from all sides. The many hard tests were only a ladder for them to climb higher and get closer to God, where God could use them in winning souls to Christ.

I don't think it would be out of order for us to pray, "Oh, God, send greater trials upon all of Thy people and grace to help us to stand." The great apostle Peter writes to the saints after they had been filled with the Holy Ghost thirty-one years about trials. I fancy I can hear his voice echoing down through the ages, to God's elect. Beloved, this word brings them in a very close touch with each other, "think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Pet. 4:12, 13.

When you get in a tight place and all things seem to be going wrong, do you think it strange or do you rejoice and leap for joy because you can suffer as the Savior did? Behold! the Lamb of Calvary as He was stretched upon the cross. See Him there without a murmur. He is our pattern, dearly beloved. Next, the Roman soldiers drove the spikes through His hands and feet, from which flowed the blood that was spilt, for a sin cursed world. Remember His pitiful moans of pain and agony and at the ninth hour Jesus cried, "Elo, Elo, kuma sabachthani? which is being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Mark 15:34. Jesus faced this great trial in the midst of His agony without a murmur. God had forsaken Him and turned His face away from Him. Jesus stood that great trial for the good of the people of God. His object was to be an example for us that we should know how to suffer and for the sins of the world. The precious Redeemer stood the scourging and mocking and we are to follow Him as our example.

Fox's writings tell us that the apostle Peter refused to be crucified like His Savior so was crucified with his head downward.

The church is facing the great persecutions and trials that the early church suffered and in order to stand the raging storms that are hovering near, we must build our house upon the rock. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." Matt. 7:24. We need to hover closer beneath the wings of the great Jehovah as the storm hovers nearer and nearer. He watches over us as a hen watches over her brood.

After Pentecost, why did God suffer the trials to come on the Christians at Pentecost? Luke answers this in Acts 8:4. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." This was the object in this trial and persecution. God must have a tried people. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire might be found unto praise and

honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7. In separating the gold from the rough ore, it has to go through a heating process of very high temperature. The gold settles (being much heavier) to the bottom of the ladle and the dross is drawn off. This leaves the pure gold. You can see yourself in this gold as in a mirror. God, in these last days, is melting and shimmering His people, getting out the dross. How is this done? It is done through trials and the mighty power of God.

God put out the two liars, Ananias and Sapphira, from His true people. They were trying to get the preeminence or wanted to be looked upon by the people as being great. They wanted to receive great honor, but they also loved the money. Acts 3:1-6. These things are coming to purify and purge His people. "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Mal. 3:3. When He gets out all the dross and chaff, the world can see the image of Jesus in our lives, actions and the way we do things.

The three Hebrew children were tried to the fullest extent. They stood the fire seven times as hot as the ordinary fire we warm by. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed and the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see." Rev. 3:18.

Gold tried in the fire proves to be the very best. We noticed that some of the jewelry we used to wear had a little gold on the outside but after it was worn and thrown around it tarnished and the brass appeared. All gold that appears to be pure is not pure gold. It will not stand the test. Every one that saith, Lord, Lord, is not a child of God. This will soon wear off and you can see Satan beneath giving off his shiny appearance. Beware of counterfeit gold. Get the gold, children of God that stand the test. These are the ones that will feast with Jesus at the marriage supper. Buy pure gold, not metal. Get more in the likeness of Jesus and this will be pure gold.

Saints, remember Gideon's army of thirty-two thousand that started out to battle, but there were many in this band that could not stand or were not steadfast and unmovable as God wants the people to be. Some oppose the government of the church, some one thing and some another. But God got His number out and let the rest go and Gideon was their General Overseer. They all did just what he said for them to do. By so doing the battle was won without any trouble. If one man had said he was not going to his position, but some where else, they would have lost the battle. But there was divine government. They were tried soldiers. Are you, dearly beloved? If Satan does not try you, you need to go to Jesus and get saved and you are apt to be tried immediately. God had Gideon to try the thirty-two thousand.

Out of this great number there were only three hundred that God could use. These stood the test. Judges 7:5-7.

God is trying His people and taking out the ones that will stand for God, His church government, gifts restored back and all things pertaining to the great body of our Lord. Thank God. There is a house not built with hands that will stand every raging storm of false doctrine and persecution. So everything must be tried to know whether it will stand.

Five hundred thousand of the Israelites started from Egypt with Moses as their leader, but many thousand of these fell in the wilderness because they were not obedient and steadfast. Some may have opposed to the church government being set up at Mount Sinai and some were opposed to having Moses for their overseer. Praise God for the person that stands the test and does his best. They shall be kings and priests and reign

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There must be some chaff among God's elect or God would not have said, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matt. 3:12. In former days the wheat was treaded out with oxen. Then the wheat and chaff were thrown into the air. The wind blew the chaff away leaving the pure grain. This was put into the garner. God is sifting His people and getting out the chaff that can be blown with the wind in any way. "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." Luke 22:31, 32.

Paul said, "Be not carried about by every wind of doctrine." Eph. 4:14. He also said, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

The great persecutions generally arise at the head as it did in Jerusalem. See Dan. 11:33. Many other things could be brought to your remembrance but time and space prevents any further writing on the subject.

May God bless your dear hearts and help you to understand the value of great TRIALS.

Marble Hill, Mo.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Evangel family—

Greetings in Jesus Name.

I am praising God this morning for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name. I received the Holy Ghost one year ago last August. When He came in He spoke in other tongues according to Acts 2:4. I am so glad I ever found this highway of holiness and for my place in the dear old Church of God.

We must be true and loyal at all times. Never put anything off a moment of time, after promising God, we will do it. I had a very bad cough, I could not sleep at night. I arose from my bed and asked the Lord to remove the cause. I promised Him I would testify through the Evangel if He would heal me. I then went back to bed and slept sound; but failed to testify as I promised. God has put His rod of reproof on me. Dear ones, it will pay us to be loyal and true.

There are no saints of God at this place, but the dear little Evangel is sure a welcome visitor to our home each week. Brother Tomlinson's message and the saints' testimonies are good food for my soul.

Pray that I may get nearer to God, and obey Him in all things.

Your unworthy sister looking for the coming of Jesus.

Mrs. Effie M. Donelson.

Trinity, Texas.

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I want to praise God for real salvation from sin and for the light He has shone down on my pathway. He picked me up from sin, saved my soul and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I really know when He came with His mighty power. While under the power I saw the New Jerusalem with the beautiful golden gates and the Lord with the host of angels floating in the air. It is wonderful what He can do for us.

I praise Him for placing me in the Church of God. My parents were members of the Christian Church. They lived up to the light they had on the Bible and had taken pains in bringing me up under religious rules. As I received the light on the church, I accepted.

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